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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4006

MANILA FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ALTERNATE OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMBASSY,
VIENTIANE

REF: USDAO VIENTIANE MSG TO HQ CINCPAC H1/J-6 04 12102 JUN 75

(1) REF MESSAGE REQUESTS CINCPAC ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE VIENTIANE MISSION TELETYPE AND VOICE CAPABILITY (2 TELETYPE, 4 VOICE CIRCUITS) EQUIPMENT PROPOSED BY USACC-T AND MACTHAI J-6 FOR THIS PURPOSE IS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT AND IS LOW PROFILE (ONLY SINGLE WHIPLASH ANTENNA REQUIRED). IT WILL REQUIRE ASSIGNMENT US CITIZEN TECHNICIANS TO PROVIDE MONITORING/MAINTENANCE DUTIES.

(2) ALTERNATIVE TO THIS PROPOSAL IS TOTAL RELIANCE ON EMBASSY RADIO TELETYPE VIA CLARK FIELD FOR TRANSMISSION ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM EMBASSY. THIS SYSTEM NOW SERVES AS BACKUP TO COMMUNICATION FACILITY ON USAID COMPOUND. DISADVANTAGE HERE IS THAT WE EXPERIENCE ONLY ABOUT 21 OUT 24 HOURS SERVICABLE TIME BECAUSE OF ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS. OUTAGE PERIODS VARY THROUGHOUT THE 24 HOURS. POST BELIEVES PARTICULARLY IN PRESENT SITUATION THAT 24-HOUR COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

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(3) STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO PROCEED

TO SET UP ALTERNATE COMMUNICATION FACILITY AS PROPOSED REFTEL.

(4) FOR OC AND RCO MANILA

INTERNAL EMBASSY TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE HANDLED BY
INSTALLATION MANUAL SWITCHBOARD AVAILABLE ON LOAN BASIS.
RCO-T MINATRE WILL PERFORM INSTALLATION. LONGER RANGE NEEDS
OF MISSION FOR SWITCHBOARD WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE
COMMUNICATION AT LATER DATE.
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